

15
DAYS

Trans Canada by Rail

RAIL TOUR FROM TORONTO TO VANCOUVER

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This rail journey allows you to travel in luxury from Toronto's urban excitement, through a spellbinding diversity of landscapes to Vancouver, a metropolitan gem on the Pacific coast.

Explore cosmopolitan Toronto before boarding VIA Rail's famous *The Canadian*, travelling west through the lake regions of Manitoba and the grain fields of Saskatchewan. Once in Alberta you will embark on a tour of the Canadian Rockies, culminating in a visit to the Columbia Icefield. Your journey continues as you board the *Rocky Mountaineer* and enjoy daylight train travel through some of the most spectacular areas in Western Canada en route to Vancouver. Sightseeing tours of Toronto and Vancouver, as well as day trips to Niagara Falls and Victoria are sure to enhance your experience.

Key Facts

- * 15 Days / 14 Nights
- * 2019 Departure Dates: Various dates available between May and September
- * Upgrades Available



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DAY 1

Arrival in Toronto

Arrive at Pearson International Airport, Toronto and transfer independently to your downtown hotel. Pick up your information kit at the front desk upon check-in, and the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Canada's commercial and cultural centre. Overnight in Toronto.

DAY 2

Niagara Falls Excursion

Enjoy a full-day excursion to Niagara Falls. The route travels through the lush fruit-growing district of the Niagara Peninsula to the spectacle of Niagara Falls. Board the Hornblower Niagara Cruises 'Voyage To The Falls' boat tour for a spectacular boat trip to the foot of the Horseshoe Falls. Ample time will be spent at the falls to give you every opportunity to take pictures and admire the thundering waters. Highlights include a lunch and a trip along the beautiful Niagara Parkway which winds its way along the Niagara Gorge. Pass through the historic community of Niagara-on-the-Lake before returning to Toronto. Lunch included. Overnight in Toronto.

DAY 3

Toronto / VIA Rail's *The Canadian*

Transfer independently to Union station to board VIA Rail's *The Canadian* en route to western Canada. Lunch and dinner included. Overnight onboard VIA Rail's *The Canadian*.



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DAYS 4 – 5

VIA Rail's *The Canadian*

Travelling north of the Great Lakes, view the rugged terrain of the Canadian Shield, some of North America's oldest rock formations. Rich in minerals and forests, the region is dotted with thousands of freshwater lakes. Today the train crosses the border into the province of Manitoba and stops briefly in the capital, Winnipeg. Overnight on board VIA Rail's *The Canadian*. Breakfasts, lunches and dinners included.

DAY 6

VIA Rail's *The Canadian* / Jasper

By early morning, you will have crossed the vast expanses of prairie flatland in Saskatchewan and Alberta, and will be approaching the imposing silhouette of the Rocky Mountains. Enjoy the spectacle of nature as the train enters Jasper National Park. Overnight in Jasper. Breakfast and lunch included.

DAY 7

Jasper

You have a full day to relax and tour Jasper and the surrounding area. Enjoy a ride on the Jasper Tramway or visit Miette Hot Springs. Take in the breathtaking panorama of Jasper National Park's serene lakes and gentle meadows standing in stark contrast to its jagged peaks and spectacular glaciers. Overnight in Jasper.



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DAY 8

Jasper to Lake Louise

Today will be an unforgettable journey as you depart Jasper on your transfer along the Icefields Parkway, one of the most scenic roads in all of Canada. Every turn unveils spectacular vistas of magnificent peaks, outstretched valleys, cascading waterfalls and mountain meadows alive with colour. At the Columbia Icefield, ride in an Ice Explorer to explore the Athabasca Glacier (Ice Explorer Ride included). Continuing just beyond the edge of the glacial shelf, you arrive at Lake Louise – a verdant shimmering lake reflecting the majesty of the Victoria Glacier. Overnight in Lake Louise.

DAY 9

Lake Louise to Banff

Take some time in the morning to explore the village of Lake Louise – a picturesque gateway to the mountain areas of Banff National Park, its small train station made famous in the film 'Doctor Zhivago'. Today you will be transferred through the winding roads of Banff National Park to arrive at the Banff town site. Wildlife meander through the green spaces creating truly unique photo opportunities. Boutiques, confectioners and eateries line the quaint boulevards, adding to the charm of this picturesque alpine town. Overnight in Banff.

DAY 10

Banff National Park

This morning, discover the town of Banff and its natural surroundings on a comprehensive sightseeing tour. The tour will show you some of Banff National Park's many highlights, including the Hoodoos (curiously shaped by centuries of erosion), Surprise Corner and Tunnel Mountain Drive, overlooking the beautiful scenery of the Bow River Valley. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Banff.



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DAY 11

Rocky Mountaineer Banff to Kamloops

Today you board the *Rocky Mountaineer* heading west to the Pacific Coast. This unique daylight service allows you to view some of the most spectacular sights in western Canada. The route departs the Rockies through Kicking Horse Pass, then climbs into the Selkirk Mountains following Rogers Pass. By late afternoon, you are in the arid ranchland of interior British Columbia, where you disembark for the night. Overnight in Kamloops. Breakfast and lunch included.

DAY 12

Rocky Mountaineer Kamloops to Vancouver

Today your spectacular daylight rail excursion to Vancouver continues. The journey leads through the 'cowboy country' ranchland of the British Columbia interior and along the mighty Thompson and Fraser rivers. Rugged mountain peaks and rolling, wind-swept hills will define the horizon as you traverse the interior and approach the Coastal Mountains surrounding Vancouver. Upon arrival in Vancouver, transfer independently to your hotel. Overnight in Vancouver. Breakfast and lunch included.



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DAY 13

Vancouver

Discover Vancouver on a hop-on hop-off trolley tour, taking in the sights of historic Gastown, English Bay, Granville Island, the colourful totem poles of scenic Stanley Park and much more. Overnight in Vancouver.

DAY 14

Victoria Excursion

This full-day trip to Victoria begins with a cruise through the scenic Gulf Islands and includes a visit to the acclaimed Butchart Gardens. Afterwards, continue to Victoria for a city sightseeing tour that encompasses Victoria's stately homes and gardens as well as historic landmarks. You will see the University of Victoria and Beacon Hill Park and pass the Royal British Columbia Museum, Thunderbird Park, the Parliament Buildings and the exclusive homes of the Uplands and Oak Bay. You will return to Vancouver in the early evening. Overnight in Vancouver.

DAY 15

End of Tour

A time for last-minute shopping and sad farewells. Individually transfer to Vancouver International Airport in time to check-in for your return flight.



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Accommodation (Subject to availability, similar hotels may be substituted)

Day (s)	Location	Standard	Deluxe
1 & 2	Toronto	Holiday Inn Toronto Downtown Centre; or Courtyard by Marriott Toronto	Fairmont Royal York Hotel or Sheraton Centre Hotel
3 – 5		Onboard VIA Rail <i>The Canadian</i>	
6 – 7	Jasper	Lobstick Lodge or Marmot Lodge	Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge
8	Lake Louise	Mountaineer Lodge	Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise
9 & 10	Banff	Elk + Avenue Hotel or Banff Ptarmigan Inn	Fairmont Banff Springs or Rimrock Resort
11	Kamloops	Thompson Hotel or similar	Thompson Hotel or similar
12 – 14	Vancouver	Sandman Hotel Vancouver City Centre or Rosedale on Robson Suite Hotel	Fairmont Hotel Vancouver or Pan Pacific Hotel Vancouver

Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Upgrade (Banff to Vancouver)

For those travellers seeking an upgraded service aboard the *Rocky Mountaineer*, we are happy to offer special GoldLeaf Services. Onboard, GoldLeaf Service is delivered in a fully glass-domed railcar with magnificent views of the mountains, and a separate dining car that offers fine dining.



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What's Included?

- * Accommodation for 14 nights (including 3 nights onboard VIA Rail's *The Canadian*)
- * 2-hour sightseeing tour of Toronto
- * Full-day trip to Niagara Falls including lunch and Hornblower Niagara Cruises 'Voyage To The Falls' boat tour** (mid-May to mid-October)
- * Toronto to Jasper rail passage on VIA Rail's *The Canadian* (section accommodation)
- * Transfer from train station to Jasper hotel (for Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge only)
- * Full-day sightseeing transfer along the Icefields Parkway to Lake Louise (Ice Explorer ride included)
- * Scheduled transfer from Lake Louise to Banff
- * 3-hour sightseeing tour of Banff
- * Banff / Kamloops / Vancouver rail passage on the *Rocky Mountaineer* (SilverLeaf service)
- * Transfers to and from Kamloops train station
- * Hop-on Hop-off trolley tour of Vancouver
- * Full-day excursion to Victoria including Butchart Gardens visit
- * 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinners onboard VIA Rail
- * 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches onboard the 'Rocky Mountaineer'
- * Travel & Information kit

** Substituted by 'Journey Behind the Falls' in off-peak season.

What's Not Included?

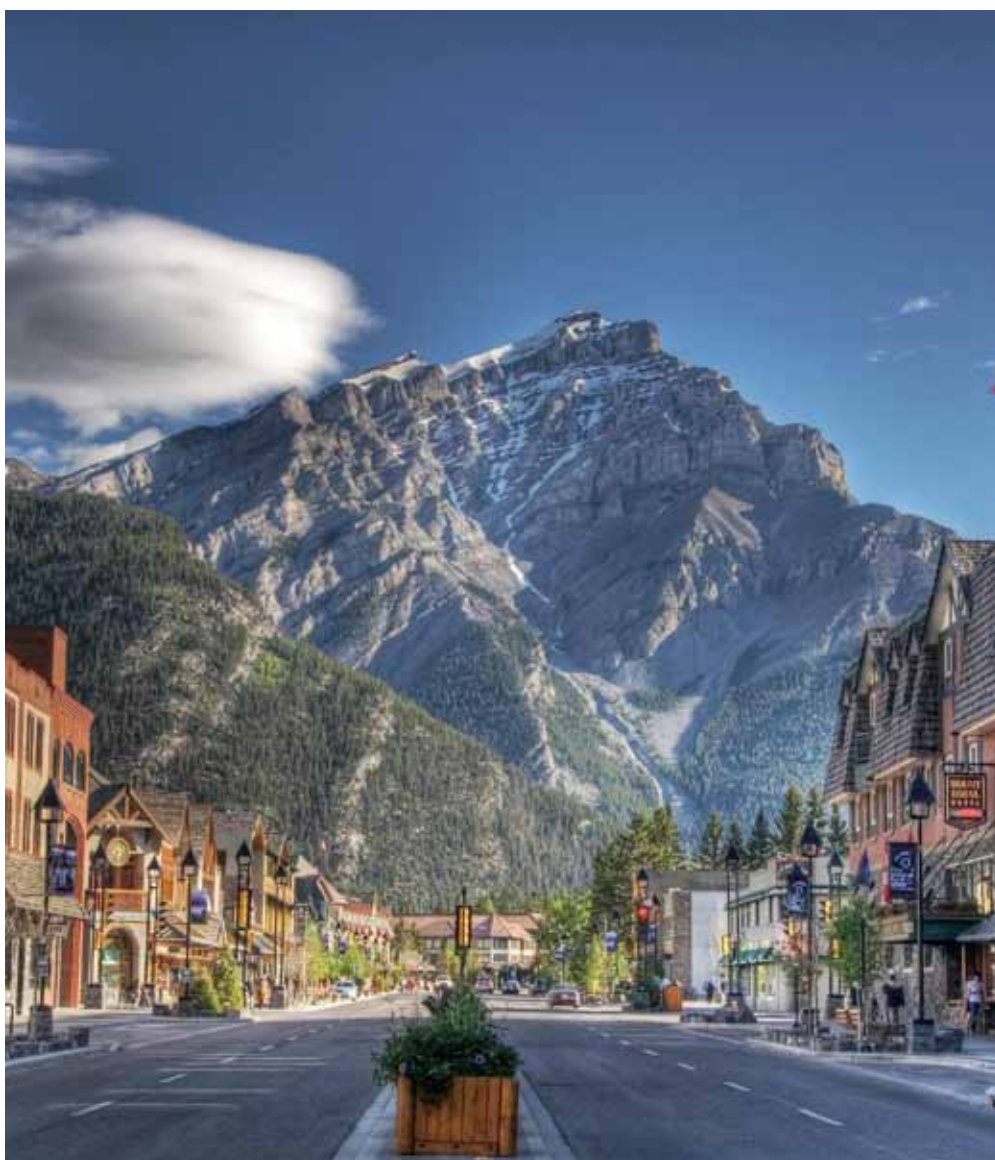
- * Transfers to and from airport and/or train stations in Toronto, Jasper, Banff and Vancouver
- * Airport improvement fee
- * National park entrance fees
- * Meals and attractions unless otherwise stated

2019 Departure Dates

- * May 6th, 13th & 20th
- * June 24th
- * July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
- * August 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
- * September 2nd, 9th & 16th

The Next Step?

Speak to Denise or one of our expert team and get your holiday off to the perfect start!



All details and inclusions are correct at the time of producing this document but may be subject to change without notice.

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